

The Avalanche.

GRAYLING, MICHIGAN.

EPITOME OF THE WEEK.

Interesting News Compilation.

XLVIII CONGRESS.

TUESDAY, Jan. 8.—The Senate agreed to a resolution offered by Mr. Hale, calling on the Secretary of the Navy for a statement of the original cost of the vessels on the naval register, and the amount expended in repair. Special messages from the President were received, calling attention to the Hennepin Canal project, and urging the appropriation of \$1,000,000 to continue work on the Mississippi River improvement below Cairo. In the House Mr. Hunt introduced a joint resolution for the appropriation of \$1,000,000 to continue work on the Mississippi River improvements. Bills were introduced to admit Washington Territory as a State and to regulate the manufacture and sale of horses in the Territories. Mr. Beach offered a Constitutional Amendment providing for uniform laws on the subject of marriage and divorce.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 9.—In the Senate Mr. Lamb presented a petition from twenty thousand veterans for a soldiers' home in Kansas. Mr. Logan presented a petition for pensions for ex-prisoners of war. A resolution was adopted that the Attorney-General furnish copies of reports on abuses in the Federal courts in the Southern States. In the House resolutions were offered for retaliatory legislation against countries which have arbitrarily excluded our food products. A bill for the relief of Fitz John Porter was reported by the Military Committee.

THURSDAY, Jan. 10.—"Daws introduced a bill in the Senate to provide for the establishment of a postal telegraph system by the Government. Four bills were introduced in relation to pensions and awards of land to soldiers. Mr. Conner introduced a bill to prohibit the mailing of newspapers containing lottery advertisements. A resolution was adopted directing the Secretary of War to inform the Senate of the amount of money required to equalize the boundaries of those who served in the late war. A bill for the resolution for the immediate appropriation of \$1,000,000 for Mississippi River improvements was referred. A resolution was adopted calling on the Secretary of the Treasury to give his reasons for discontinuing the issue of silver certificates. Adjourned to the 11th.

FRIDAY, Jan. 11.—In the Senate a bill was passed appropriating \$1,000,000 to continue improvements on the Mississippi River. Mr. Edmunds headed in a bill for the relief of the survivors of the Jamestown expedition, and Mr. Calhoun introduced one for the establishment of spring banks at all Presidential Post-Offices. Mr. Gullion spoke at length in regard to his bill to reorganize the legislative power of Utah by means of a Governor and Council of nine. Adjourned to the 11th. The House was not in session.

FROM WASHINGTON.

The Secretary of the Treasury on the 7th reported the exhaustion of one and two-dollar notes in the Treasury reserve, and asked Congress for an appropriation to print \$1,000,000 of the former and \$3,000,000 of the latter.

DURING the week ended on the 5th the exchanges at twenty-six leading clearing houses in the United States aggregated \$1,031,846,089, being \$101,104,263 greater than the preceding week.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL BREWSTER decided on the 8th that Postmaster Goddard, of Portland, Me., had no right to retain \$1,000 a year from the money-order department for clerk hire, and that the department can recover \$7,000 so retained. This ruling will affect several other offices in the country.

CARL SCHURZ, ex-Secretary of the Interior, has been sued by C. D. Gilmore, a Washington lawyer, for \$30,000. Schurz disbarred Gilmore from practice in the department.

On the evening of the 10th Secretary Chandler gave a dinner in honor of President Arthur. A distinguished company were present, including Speaker Carlisle and all the members of the Cabinet except Secretaries Teller and Folger.

SIX HUNDRED AND NINETY bills and petitions had been referred to the House Committee on War Claims up to the 11th. The Senate Republican Caucus Committee held a brief consultation with Senator Anthony on the 11th in relation to the Presidency pro tem of the Senate. The Senator said he was compelled to decline the proposed honor, believing it inexpedient in the present state of his health to undertake the duties of the office.

Throughout the United States and Canada the business failures during the seven days ended on the 11th numbered 324, against 321 the previous week. The distribution was as follows: New England States, 46; Middle, 67; Western, 104; Southern, 85; Pacific States and Territories, 38; Canada and the Provinces, 30.

The East.

An aged couple, James C. Townsend and wife, were probably fatally beaten with a hammer on the 8th at Oyster Bay, L. I., by robbers.

A LOSS of \$500,000 was caused by the burning of the Opera House Block at Moundsville, Pa., a few mornings ago. The lower portion was occupied by stores and offices.

Fire destroyed Smith, Winston & Co.'s cotton factory in New Smith, the other day, causing a loss of \$100,000.

At Boston on the 8th ten assisted immigrants arrived from England, but they were not permitted to land.

A NUMBER of iron and steel-mills in Pennsylvania resumed operations on the 8th, generally at a reduction of wages.

A WEALTHY farmer named Samuel Brown, seventy years old, hanged himself a few days ago at Freehold, N. J., in the log house in which he was born.

FRANCIS W. ROCKWELL has been nominated for Congressman by the Republicans of the Twelfth Massachusetts District, to succeed Governor Robinson.

A RAIN-STORM and heavy wind on the 8th did great damage at Castleton, Vt., and surrounding towns.

A TRAIN on the evening of the 8th dashed into a gang of men who were clearing snow from the tracks near Brenton Station, Pa., and three were killed and five wounded, two fatally.

A FEW days ago William and John Sherrill, who left Clayton, N. Y., for their home in Howland, perished in a snow-storm, the latter being found so badly frost-bitten that his hands and feet dropped off, and the former was frozen stiff.

Throughout the region between Buffalo, N. Y., and Portland, Me., a storm of great severity prevailed on the 8th. Trains were abandoned on three roads at the former city. At some places the snow was four feet deep on the level. At Coney Island a store, bath-houses and piers were wrecked, causing a loss of \$300,000, and at Atlantic City great damage was also done.

COLONEL A. C. Wadsworth has been nominated by the Democrats of the Twelfth Massachusetts District for Congressman to succeed Governor Robinson.

In a recent meet the English bark *Elphina* was wrecked near West Creek, N. J., and the crew perished.

It was reported on the 10th that Mrs. and Mrs. Townsend, who were nearly murdered by robbers at Oyster Bay, L. I., were rapidly recovering. Mrs. Townsend, accompanied by a man named Repelye, who, with two brothers, are preachers in a colored church, of committing the crime, alledged that she recognized him before he entered the house.

The final burial of the remains of Captain Webb, who, while attempting to swim the Niagara whirlpool, took place on the 10th at Suspension Bridge, N. Y., with Masonic honors.

The Quidnick and Arctic mills at Canonicet, R. I., belonging to the Sprague estate, were recently sold to the Union Company for \$200,000.

The carpenters of New York resumed work on the 10th. They had been on a strike for nine months, and the amount of wages thus lost would aggregate \$2,000,000.

CHARLES D. Hopkins and Henry Jackson were on the 10th indicted by the Grand Jury at Freehold, N. J., for starting fire at Red Bank which caused a loss of \$100,000.

BUCKLEY & CO., dry-goods merchants at Utica, N. Y., made an assignment a few days ago to secure liabilities of \$200,000.

At River Head, R. I., George Jeffery confessed on the 10th that he had killed his step-son by twisting its head first one way and then another until he broke his neck; that his only motive, for the crime, was that he hated it because it was not his, and that it prevented his wife from getting money for him.

JOHN SUES, aged fifty years, of Providence, R. I., while in a drunken frenzy on the 11th killed his wife with a razor and then committed suicide.

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ALONE.

I miss you, my darling, my darling;
I miss you, my love, the beauty
And whilst in the sun, the household,
And bidden is the voice of its mirth;
The sun flashes fast on the terrace,
The sunbeams fast on the flowers mount;
The midnight chimes out from the master,
And I am alone.

I miss you, my darling, my darling;
I miss you, with care and with tears;
I would die in silence behind you,
And all but your presence forget;
To those, who their trysting have known
To the fullness of love in contentment;
The midnight chimes out from the master,
And I am alone.

I call you, my darling, my darling;
My voice echoes back to you in laughter,
I call you, my darling, my darling;
I whisper the sweet words you taught me,
The words that we only have known,
The words that the dumb air is bitter,
For I am alone.

I call you, my darling, my darling;
My heart is the only heart beneath;
The load that divides its weight;—
I shrink from the fact that it makes;
Oh sorrow's rise up to meet me;
Oh, come here, thou darling, and save me,
For I am alone.

—At the Four Round.

THE KINDLY JEST.

There appear to be great divisions of humors with the repartee and the practical joke. Some have an aggressive character. To begin with the repartee—it is usually a slip in the face.

A few years ago, the country possessed a great master of repartee, Mr. Douglas Jerrard. Specimens of his style still survive in the memory of his contemporaries.

A mediocre writer, employed on the same subject as himself, says: "You know, Jerrard, you and I are rowing in the same boat."

"I am," replies the wit, "but not with the same scull."

Another inferior artist is eating soup at the Grecian Club. He praises it to Jerrard, and tells him it was calf's-tail soup. "Aye," says Jerrard, "extreme."

"These are strong specimens, but take another once, still the aggressive character is there."

Pecuniary calamity overtook a friend of Mr. Edmund Burke. Another friend went to console him; and like Job's comforters, told him it was all his own fault. "How could you be so unfeeling?" asked Mr. Burke, when he heard of it.

"Unfeeling, sir!" says the other.

"Why, I went to him directly, and poured oil into his wounds."

"Oil of vitriol," says the statesman.

"Of course, I need not say that a thousand examples of the kind are to be found in literature."

The witty Voltaire recited with admirable dexterity from good nature into wit, permitted himself to praise some genial and rather warmly. His hearer said, "This is very good of you, for he doesn't speak of you with any respect, quite the reverse."

"Ah, sir," said Voltaire, "humor is error; probably we are both of us mistaken."

An observer of witty men and their sayings summed the matter up as follows: *Diseur de bon-mots, maveaux caracres.*

Even where the wit is without personality, it does not always lose its aggressive character. See how the personages in the "School for Scandal" explain why wit and good-nature are so seldom united. It is not bitter, but still it is biting.

Now go from this to the practical joke, which is always an attempt at humor. Dissect the practical joke. Egotism and a poverty of real wit tempt some dull fellow to inflict "moderate pain upon another, keeping well out of it himself; and his being out of it, and the other being in it, makes him feel humorous; and this really favors the narrow theory of Hobbes of Malmesbury that "laughter arises from a gloomy consciousness at some superiority over our neighbors."

The dull humorist in this style chips bristles and strews them in his friend's bed, or makes him up what is called an apple-pie bed—a wonderful corruption of cap-a-pie. Meantime his bed is all right, and his heart rejoices.

One of these humorists puts skeleton into a young lady's bed, down in Somersetshire, then relieves softly and awaited the result, with the joy of a mad-house. Another such humorist buttoned down the hatches of a small trading-vessel in the Thames. Smoke was emitted somehow in the hold (I forget by what cause); the crew, consisting of four poor wretches, tried in vain to escape. Their very cries were stifled, and the next day their smoking corpses were recovered, grim countenances of a stupid fellow's humor.

Solomon has observed that Nature contains tremendous animals. At the head of the list he places a couple, viz.: a bear robbed of her whelps, and an irritated boar. Leaving the Academy of Sciences, Paris, a young lady walking in her garden with Sydney Smith, pointed out to him an everlasting pea, reported to blossom beautifully. "But," she said, "we have never been able to bring it to perfection." "Then," said the kindly wit, "let me bring Perfection to the pea," and so led her by the hand to a closer inspection of the flower.

Coulon, a famous "mince" of Louis XV's time, took of the King as well as his subjects. The King heard of it, and insisted on seeing the imitation. He was not offended at it, and gave Coulon a fine diamond pin. Coulon looks at the pin and says: "Coming to me this ought to be passed; but coming from Your Majesty, it is naturally a diamond." Is the element of wit extinguished here by the good nature? I know not.

Frederick the Great disbelieved in play-classes, and said that invalids die sooner of their remedies than of their maladies; and, as the lancet was rifle in his day, probably he was not very far wrong. However, he fell sick, and the sword was at his bosom. I suppose, affected his mind, so he sent for a physician, Dr. Zimmerman, but at sight of him his theory revolved, and his habitual legal manner led him to say to Zimmerman, by way of greeting: "Now, doctor, I'll be bound to say you have not many a honest fellow under-ground." Zimmerman replied, I suppose, affected his mind, so he sent for a physician, Dr. Zimmerman, but at sight of him his theory revolved, and his habitual

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THURSDAY, Jan. 17, 1884.

LOCAL ITEMS.

The city is full of strangers.

Hon. O. E. M. Cutcheron in the city
Save money by trading at Edgcumbe's.

The planing mill has been idle for a few days, but is now ready for business.

The mercury indicated 40 degrees last Sunday, and the snow settled materially in consequence.

Any calls at Edgcumbe's for events of the day.

The mill of Salling, Hanson & Co. is undergoing repairs. It will soon start in for a big cut for 1884.

We will give you the record of the proceedings of that august body, "the Board of Supervisors," next week.

Great reduction in woolen goods at Edgcumbe's.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Cassimer have gone to Oakland county for a few weeks' sojourn, combining business with pleasure.

We notice ice from School Section lake moving into Robinson's ice house. It is clear as crystal and about twelve inches thick.

Cut prices on Mackinaws at Edgcumbe's.

Everybody will remember the literary entertainment at the open house Friday evening. An excellent program is being arranged.

A narrow gauge railroad from Gaylord to Charlevoix via Elmira is talked. The Oregon Herald learns that W. S. Hartwell, of Elmira, is making big efforts to secure such a road.

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We put our prices right before the public so that everybody can see we sell at the same price to all. Our motto is, "one price only."

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On the 11th inst. a warrant was issued by Justice Bates for one Sidney Aldrich on the complaint of Sustie Gilbert, of Center Plains township, for seduction. The man was arrested by Sheriff Hunt, but previous to the examination the affair was settled by the payment to complainant of fifty dollars and costs and expenses of about the same amount, when the complaint was withdrawn. Settlement of criminal matters are altogether too frequent and almost universally wrong.

No, for the country! But if you go, be sure to omit nothing which can contribute to your health and enjoyment. Without health and vigor there can be no real enjoyment. If, therefore, your system shows signs of relaxation, be sure to use Johnston's Compound Extract of Sarsaparilla, which will restore the vital forces to their proper tone and action. The Sarsaparilla is, par excellence. And this preparation is confessedly the best made from that renowned remedy.

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We take the liberty of calling the attention of the people of Grayling to the fact that we are still selling our boots and shoes, and a number of other goods at 75 cents on the dollar, and shall continue to do so until our entire lot is closed out. We are also selling all kinds of calico, full dress patterns, at 6¢ per yard; pork 8¢ per lb., side pork, boneless, 9¢, and all groceries in proportion. We will sell all kinds of goods below as the lowest.

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Men's boots at wholesale prices at Edgcumbe's.

Miss Catharine Kane, the female barista who threw a glass of water into the face of a Milwaukee judge and had to leave that town, was admitted to the Chicago bar where a glass of water in a judge's face once in a while would do no hurt. She made her first appearance before Judge Hawes, Thursday, to defend a thief for whom she pleaded guilty.

Mrs. Saffstrom hauled Christian Peters, of New York, into court Wednesday, charging him with being her deserting husband. Peters denied it, and called attention to the difference in his appearance from that of her husband. "Ah," exclaimed Mrs. Saffstrom, "I know you, John Saffstrom, and if you was boiled in soap, and taken out I would know you." Verdict for defendant.

The Island of Jersey, having a surface of seven miles each way, keeps 12,000 cows. The breeding of cows has made the island very fertile, as the animals are kept in stables all the year round, every particle of the manure is saved. In winter they are largely fed on parsnips, which has probably helped develop the butter superiority of this breed of cattle.

The daughter of a fisherman at a seashore town had a fit with her lover because she would not allow him to name his new boat for her. "Well," queried the girl, "do you think it such a great compliment to hear every few weeks that Matilda Sloo'm's up for repairs, Matilda Sloo'm's in the dock to be scraped, or that Matilda Sloo'm's lost any of her fixin's generally? Well, now, if you do, I don't; and that's got to settle it." — Boston Transcript.

The following story is told at the expense of Port Huron bartender: A well known toper entered a saloon and placed a black bottle on the bar, with the request that it be filled with whisky. After getting the liquor, the toper informed the bartender that he had no money and could not pay it until a few days later. The bartender then poured out the whisky and gave the empty bottle back to the customer. The latter left saloon, and later was seen breaking off the neck of the bottle, from which he then drew a sponge well filled with the beverage. He got a drink without paying for it.

One of the most simple and readiest methods for loosening a rusted screw is to apply heat to the head of the screw. A small bar or rod of iron, flat at the end, if reddened in the fire and applied for a couple or three minutes to the head of a rusted screw, will, as soon as it beats the screw, render its withdrawal as easy by the screw-driver as it was originally inserted.

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W. A. MASTERS, P. M.

IT IS CURRENTLY REPORTED

That C. E. Strunk has "cut out the little end of the horn" by reason of his sealing things so extravagantly cheap, but such is not a fact, for he is "still on deck" and selling goods in his line as cheap as ever—at prices to suit the poor man's purse. Look at the following few prices in quotes:

5¢ account books for 2¢.

10¢ account books for 5¢.

25¢ cologne, "Lotta," for 15¢.

25¢ cologne, "Miror," for 10¢.

5¢ crocheted hooks for 3¢.

25¢ playing cards for 15¢.

10¢ metal-back combs for 5¢.

25¢ dominoes for 15¢.

10¢ ink, Carter's, raven black, 5¢.

5¢ pipe—red clay, wooden stem, 2¢.

25¢ paperer, 25 envelopes and 24 sheet paper, 10¢.

25¢ silver vases for 10¢.

25¢ gold vases for 10¢.

25¢ lap checker boards for 10¢.

25¢ scrap albums for 10¢.

Half-dozen different styles of handkerchiefs for 5 and 10¢ that invariably sell for 10 and 20¢.

Half dozen different kinds of toilet soaps which invariably sell for 10¢ for 5¢.

25¢ first-class envelopes and 24 sheet 6-lb. note paper for 15¢; invariably sells for 25¢ and more.

Five quality legal cap at 20¢ per quire.

And a lot of other articles at proportionately low prices.

Call and see.

FROM OREGON.

We are permitted to give our readers the following extract from a letter written by N. E. Britt to J. M. Jones, dairymen, Riddle, Oregon, Dec. 16, 1883:

"When Mrs. B. wrote we had not then wittled, but expected at that time to take our chances some where in Jackson county, but after looking around pretty thoroughly thought we would prospect this locality before purchasing, and accordingly did so, which resulted in our locating here. Found two farms here for sale, one of 170 acres at \$17 per acre and another of 75 acres at \$12. My brother bought the one of 170 acres and I bargained for the other, but found the title defective, so I rented it for one year, at the expiration of which time the place will have been held in peaceful possession under the present title for 20 years, which gives a perfect title. I have a contract for a deed for this place at the expiration of the lease.

Now, in regard to the country. So far we are all very much pleased. We are about 200 miles south of Portland, in what is known as the Umpqua Valley; we are also on the line of the O. & C. R. R., about one mile from and in sight of a station called Riddle, which was laid out last winter and now consists of about a half dozen houses, with store, post office, etc. We are about 30 miles south of Bellingham, the county seat of the Douglas county.

So far this season I have not seen a bit of ice and but little rain and mud; have not had a mitten on my hand this season. Weather so far since we have been here is very much like Indian summer in Michigan, except that we have damp, foggy weather in the morning until near noon, when the sun comes out clear and bright. Vegetation here is still green, and summer birds are still here. We are close to neighbors and only about three-fourths of a mile from a school house.

Lumbermen will "stand to my back" when I say that I sell Mackinaw, Heavy and Light Underwear, Socks, Shirts, Ties, Etc.

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Two houses and nine lots on Cedar street; two houses and three lots on Peninsular avenue; two houses and two lots on Michigan avenue, for sale.

Over 3,000 acres of pine lands and 400 acres of farming lands, improved, for sale.

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The Subscriber is determined to keep up their old name for giving the People the **BEST GOODS** for the **LEAST MONEY**.

I do not intend to sell Goods

BELOW COST

But I do intend to sell goods as cheap as good goods can be sold.

I set my own Prices!

I Copy from No One!

The AVALANCHE is not Large Enough for me to name everything I have to sell, but it will answer all purposes when I say

I TRY TO SELL EVERYTHING.

If you will see our prices for

Boots and Shoes, Dry Goods, Gloves and Mittens, Groceries, Etc.

You will say that I need not FEAR COMPETITION. And Ladies will say that they Saved Money by Buying their

Hosiery, Underwear, Yarn, Ribbons, Etc.

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In FANCY GOODS, such as

Photo, and Autograph Albums, Box-Paper, Vases, Cups, and Saucers, Majolica Ware, Etc.

My price is way below all others. We open out this week a nice

apartment of

LADIES' HOODS, SKIRTS, NUBIAS, JERSEY JACKETS, Etc.

Which only need to be seen to be appreciated. We sell the

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in town. Please give me a trial and be convinced.

YOURS RESPECTFULLY

Jos. H. Edgcumbe.

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